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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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81st Annual International C.O.G.I.C. Holy Convocation

Holy greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we officially announce, on behalf of Presiding Bishop Patterson and the General Board, the Eighty-First Annual International Holy Convocation of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., November 8-15, 1988, World Headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee. This promises to be an exciting occasion and most glorious.

We look forward with great anticipation to the wonderful fellowship and holy festivities surrounding this unusual retreat. Saints from around the world will witness the moving of the Spirit as we unite together for the greater glory of God.

PLEASE NOTE: The diversity of ministries will be witnessed; healing, worship, evangelistic and Spirit-filled services will be the order of the day. Training services efficiently arranged will be provided for the edification of the saints. The Presiding Bishop and General Board have expressed deep concern for the total spiritual up-lift of the saints and the projection of the Pentecostal experience.

The Office of General Secretary . . .

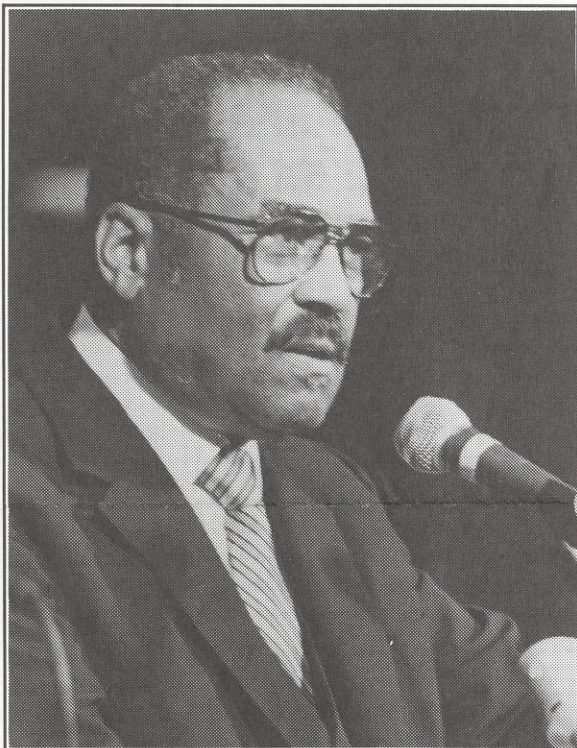
will be prepared to register all delegates: general delegates (persons attending the general sessions and worship services), and General Assembly delegates (delegates elected by their jurisdictional assembly to vote in the General Assembly).

Registration for this meeting will be computerized but has been so designed as to allow for a speedy and expeditious registration procedure without long lines and long delays. A photo badge with identifying information to avoid unauthorized duplications or use will be supplied to every registered delegate. For General Assembly delegates, a photo badge will admit you to the General Assembly sessions.

To better serve the delegates of the Church, a photo-badge with certain information will be supplied to every delegate. A daily computerized print-out will furnish us with vital information on all delegates such as jurisdiction, position, name, address, hotel where they are staying in Memphis while attending the convocation. Also, it will help us to determine the number of persons attending the convocation; thereby reflecting numerical strength of our Church. This is a continuation of the projection for a computerization of the Office of General Secretary.

In order to assist in underwriting the cost of the specialized service, a nominal registration fee will be passed on to the delegates. The revenue from this operation has enabled the Office of General Secretary to cover its costs from the funds generated and to make a substantial financial contribution to the National Church budget as the record will reflect. The support of wonderful delegates has made this possible. We appreciate your response in the past and request that you support your church by registering early. It is requested that all Bishops please urge their delegates to register for the convocation.

The convocation fast will commence Sunday, November 6 and conclude Tuesday, November 8, with the Special Anointing Services conducted by the Presiding Bishop assisted by the General Board



Bishop Patterson

and Bishops. Every local congregation is invited to join in with the saints who are attending the convocation and fast and pray for the three designated days.

On Sunday, November 13, the high day of our meeting, Bishop Patterson will deliver the Official Message for this convocation, and the saints of God from all over the world will fill that convention

center to listen to God's servant as he brings to us "the Word from the Lord."

Friday, November 11, will be Women's Day, presided over by the saintly Mother Mattie McGlothen.

All jurisdictions are required to elect delegates to the General Assembly from their jurisdictional assembly in accordance with "PART II, SECTION B, subsection 1 and 2" of the Official Manual of the Church Of God In Christ.

Each jurisdiction is required to file the list of elected delegates with the Office of the General Secretary, which will subsequently certify them to the General Assembly. The master sheets were due by September 25, 1988.

Inasmuch as the jurisdictional reports are made during the April meeting, the income runs extremely low during our National Convocation. Therefore, it is urgent that each of us as Bishops, Supervisors and leaders of our great Church who are well aware of its financial needs will give our best support by bringing the balance of our report both for the credential holder and the membership report from the churches in our jurisdiction in order to make a full report in this meeting.

We love and respect our Presiding Bishop Patterson, who has successfully led us to new horizons during this administration and the General Officers of the Church. We have many wonderful Bishops, Supervisors, pastors and even lay members who have stood strong in supporting the financial program of the Church for many years and there is no doubt that the same dedication will be forthcoming during this time of need.

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Meet The Generals Of The Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

By Dr. Samuel Nesbitt

PERSPECTIVE

The Church Of God In Christ, with Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee; the Vision for which was revealed to our late and sainted Founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason; believed in by thousands upon thousands who have caught the Vision of and participated in the Holy Life, supported and defended by those who love and live for and by the Church, is a wonderful fellowship of believers in Christ. Under the dynamic leadership of our present leader, Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson; the Spiritual Son of the Founder, and leader for these times, we are realizing incredible growth and development as we continue to follow the Vision, the fullness of which is yet to be realized.

The Church Of God In Christ, Inc. — "Artificial Person" — created by the Law to allow persons of the same belief or interests to operate as one person within our society, is more than a mere Corporation. The fact is, it is a "body of baptized believers in Christ," grounded in the Doctrine of Holiness. While it certainly respects the Law under which it is incorporated for business purposes, the Church gets its authority from and is bound to comply with

rules and guidelines that are set and controlled by "the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus." Because the Law under which we are incorporated respects our right to be governed by the Higher Power—in matters of Religion—we are able to operate without conflict. The State and We agree: "In God We Trust."

Our organizational structure is not designed to be a "terror to good works," but is designed to help us carry out the mission and purpose of the Church in harmony with God and with each other. Because our business is considered to be God's business, those who serve the Church and who give leadership in particular areas must be chosen and guided by the Spirit (Holy Ghost) so as to be in unity with the Spiritual Head of the Church. While it is good to know the Law, and rules and regulations which are prescribed for our benefit, we must be ever mindful that the Lord, Eternal Spiritual Presence, works in us today, "both to will and to do according to His good pleasure."

As a Son of the Church Of God In Christ, and one who has been involved in certain phases of the growth and developmental process of the Church, I am concerned that we will not be hindered in our

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Bishop's Letter

October 17, 1988

Dear Saints:

I extend Holy greetings to you in the name of the Lord. May He grant you peace, prosperity and health.

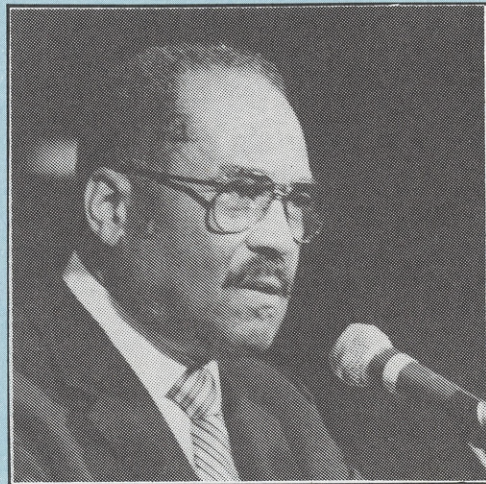
One of the pleasures life affords us is that of fellowship. When that fellowship is among the Saints, it brings even greater pleasure. I pray this year's meeting will likewise be a tremendous source of inspiration for you.

For eighty-one years, you have come to Memphis to fellowship, plan, inspire and rededicate. For eight decades, God has blessed us to meet with some degree of success in ministering to

mankind. We are grateful for these triumphs; and as we begin another session, let us not forget the many blessings of God, His mercy toward us and His constant deliverance from the hands of the adversary.

As you know, this is another significant year in the history of our Church in that it is election year. Therefore, as we sojourn to Memphis, let us come fasting, praying and asking God to bless the leadership of our Church and grant us a spiritual outpour as never before.

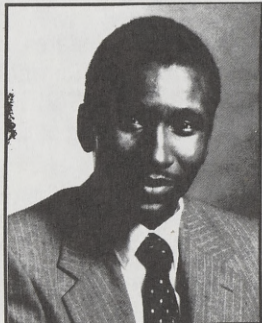
May God continue to bless you in all that is endeavored in His name.



Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church Of God In Christ

Editorial

By Dr. David Hall



Dr. David Hall

America is suffering under the demonic abuse of drugs, unnecessary and early death, in the ranks of the young, strong and gifted. A few years ago the problem was centered within the under privileged and poverty stricken area's of the urban setting. A couple of years ago the death of star basketball player

Len Bias suddenly made the problem explore within our own homes. It seemed that all of America was grief stricken and wounded. His death caused by an overdose of drugs, ironically happened a day before he signed a multi-million dollar contract. Americans, black, white, rich and poor were dismayed over those circumstances.

To the surprise of no one several other deaths, arrests and suspensions of highly visible athletes have occurred. It seems a never ending line of rich and famous people are afflicted with what scientist term the disease of drug abuse. It seems their theory of a person's being predisposed to abuse drug because of genetic make up has created a greater problem. Diseases cannot be helped, therefore, people make excuses for their abuses. As I reflect about it, buying an illness sounds too foolish for any reasonable person to indulge. Call it what it is, people have a basic inclination to sin and drug abuse carries a heavy sentence for those sins.

This October, the country witnessed another untimely demise of a super conditioned athlete. A football player with the Atlanta Falcons, David Croudip died suddenly. The police report indicated that cocaine ingestion was the possible cause of his death. Croudip was reported to be among the NFL's

finest conditioned players. He was captain of the Falcons special teams unit. His heart failed after he ingested a concoction of liquid and cocaine. What a sad event and a very unnecessary death.

His death proves that wealth and opportunity mean little in helping prevent such abuse. Millions of youth all over the country watch repeatedly as highly paid athletes are suspended, then maintain contracts, benefits and remain free of criminal prosecution after being found full of illegal drugs. This message is confusing at best and makes our youth cynical at worst.

Only when a person dies will the serious nature of the problem truly hit home. Please beware that continued deaths will only lessen the critical nature of the problem, as people will feel that one more drug abuser bit the dust. The tragic impact will be gone.

What can be done? The Church must project its own role models. There must be a new ethos or at least the reestablishing of the morality of our fathers. Kids need to know more than "Just Say No", they need to understand the Just Say No! There also need to be regularly instituted drug problem seminars at church. The prevention of drug abuse is the key to the problem. The Church should think in terms of education and spiritual education likewise. Irregardless of what the world says, we must teach against the sin of drug abuse not the illness.

There is nothing archaic about teaching against sin and death. We must reestablish principals because society is no longer safe without righteous, serious people who understand mottos, and programs are not the total answer.

If our role models continue to fail may be the real role models will step forward again. You remember Mom and Dad?

Reader Lauds Whole Truth Improvements

Dr. Hall,

I congratulate you and your Whole Truth staff! I look forward to continued improvements and changes. I am glad to see the Church Of God In Christ is finally entering the 20th century. We certainly have the talent.

James Kirkland
West Angeles COGIC
25 year subscriber

Editor Answers Back

Bro. Kirkland,

Thank you Bro. Kirkland for your heartfelt and meaningful congratulations. The paper has made improvements and shall continue to be upgraded. Certainly, it was with tongue in cheek you suggested we finally have entered the 20th century. Still, it is my intention to affirm the customer is always right! God Bless you for noticing.

Again I say thanks and please continue your support and practice of renewal. It is people like yourself that make our efforts worthwhile.

David Hall
Editor

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Your Brother In Christ,
Bishop S. S. M. Maimela

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Four Jurisdictions Band Together For Prayer

The four Tennessee area jurisdictions of the Church Of God In Christ will convene a united prayer revival. It is being done to ask God's blessing upon the coming Holy Convocation. Bishops J. O. Patterson, Sr., W. L. Porter, G. E. Patterson and H. J. Bell have encouraged each of their jurisdictional churches to participate in the prayer.

Spearheading the prayer is the women's department in each jurisdiction. The state supervisors of women have committed their departments in promoting and advancing the prayer. Some three hundred local congregations will hopefully embrace this season of prayer. A special request has been made for each pastor to start prayer Monday, October 24, through Friday, October 28th. Daily prayer will commence at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Anointed prayer band leaders are to be appointed and expected to lead the local assemblies in prayer. Fasting on our traditional fast days, Tuesday and Fridays will be observed.

At the close of the week all the area jurisdictions, Headquarter, Central, Tennessee Second and Tennessee Fourth will journey to Mason Temple, 930 Mason street in Memphis. Saturday, October 29, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. a joint prayer will be conducted. The women have been asked to wear white with a touch of red.

Mother Freddie J. Bell has been involved in a special anointing prayer for the last three years. It appears the fruit of her efforts have come forth. Prayer warriors from everywhere are invited to attend the prayer. Come and cry out to the Lord!

Where Purity Reigns

The Headquarter Jurisdiction Purity Department hosted its annual educational luncheon and symposium September 19, 1988, the jurisdictional state purity lady, Missionary Betty J. Jones and team conducted a workshop to educate, honor and motivate the youth. The purity workers of the jurisdiction displayed the depth of their love for puritans. A lot of industrious work went into the effort and certainly it was a treat for the puritans.

The annual event was held at the Gethsemane Garden Church Of God In Christ, dining room. Bishop Samuel Lowe serves as pastor. A fine luncheon was prepared and everybody ate until they were satisfied.

The day was filled with different activities, as Sister Martha Jenkins, a local church purity leader conducted the symposium. The symposium featured two scheduled panelists. Mr. Douglas Wilkins a local high school teacher and former dean of the Memphis Chapter of the C. H. Mason Bible College spoke. His topic was "Goal Setting For Christian Youths."

The other speaker was the editor of the Whole Truth Newspaper, Dr. David Hall. The Elder Hall provided the summary statement on the topic. Sister Jenkins conducted an interesting and informative question and answer period.

Next, presentations were made to the loyal workers who labored with the puritans throughout the year. Honored for their contributions were Mrs.

Jamaican Relief

The word of the Lord says in Proverbs 19:17, He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done. (NIV) Never has there been a greater need than now for us to give to those who are less fortunate than we.

This article comes to you in regards to the saints on the island of Jamaica. The Church Of God In Christ has had an active ministry in Jamaica for more than 30 years. As most of you know the island of Jamaica was hit by a vicious hurricane the week of September 12. Hurricane Gilbert left tremendous devastation behind. Many of the people affected by the storm were saints. These people need OUR help!

Bishop Ivor Rowe, Jurisdictional prelate of Jamaica, has been in constant contact with me and the Missions office since the hurricane and has kept us abreast of the tragedy. As it stands now the saints are yet without food, water, shelter and clothing. Their homes and most of our churches were completely destroyed. We not only want to minister to the needs of the members of the Church Of God In Christ but to as many people as we can possibly reach with our support.

The Bishops of our Church have been asked to give the members of their local assemblies an opportunity to share; YOU CAN HELP ALSO!

I'm asking each of you who read this article for a donation of at least \$20. Many of you may be able to give more, and some of you may not be able to give as much, but whatever you send will be sent directly to Jamaica.

Make your contributions payable to COGIC MISSION DEPT. Mail it to: P.O. Box 320, Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

On your check or money order earmark your donation for: JAMAICA RELIEF FUND.

May the Lord bless each of you richly.

Yours for the suffering,
Bishop C. L. Moody

Clarice Moore as "Purity Lady of the Year." Mrs. Martha Jenkins was runner up. Sister Ernestine Lippford a local pastor's wife was honored for her outstanding work. Mrs. Mary Perkins handed out educational awards to the puritans and certificates to those graduating from the ranks. Toast Mistress Lillian McClaurin kept the entire day and the presentations in a timely flow.

Hats off to Purity Lady Jones for her continued excellence in behalf of the jurisdiction's youth. Having beautiful and devoted persons as she and her staff will make youth better today and tomorrow. Let Purity Reign!

Plan To Attend "The King Of Glory"

During the Holy Convocation, Friday night, November 11, 1988, the National Drama Department will perform "The King Of Glory."

Mrs. Brenda M. Rivette, drama director for the Historical Museum and Fine Arts Centers is happy to announce this major and quite splendid production. It will be held at the Cook Convention Center, in the Southball Room. A \$5.00 donation will be asked of those in attendance. The time will be 11:00 p.m. that Friday night.



Mrs. Brenda M. Rivette

Special Request

The National Drama Department needs singers who would perform in the production of the King of Glory.

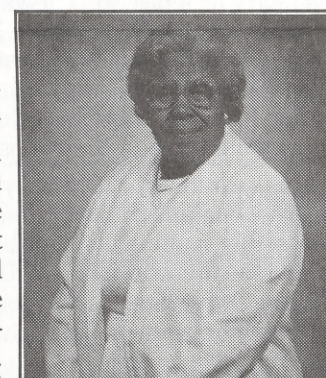
Interested person contact:

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Madame Mattie Wigley's Day — Songsational

September 4, 1988 at the beautiful Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church Of God In Christ, the congregation and supporters of gospel music from around the mid-south met to honor Madame Mattie Wigley. Voices were lifted in praise for her contribution to music and her Christian service.

Sister Mattie Wigley is a native Memphian was an only child. She loss her parents at an early age and was raised by her paternal grandmother. She made music a great part of her life and was a 1937 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. She distinguished herself in formal



Sister Mattie Wigley

music education and excelled as a member of the Glee Club. Early in life her talents and skills were appreciated by many. She became one to watch. As a result many notable gospel recording artist such as Carla Thomas, Dr. Mattie Clark, Rev. James Cleveland and Elder Timothy Wright have employed her in various worship and convention functions.

Sister Wigley has always been a dedicated Church Of God In Christ musician. Her roots extend to the Temple Church Of God In Christ where she first sang publicly at age eight. Music has been her life but prayer and evangelism have undergirded her music ministry.

Years of singing ministry brought her acclaim. She carries the title of madame because friends honored as a queen in gospel music. The Gospel Choir of Memphis State University honored her as the "Queen of Gospel." Dean Eugene McCoy, International Dean of the Music Department has invited her as an annual guest to the Music and Religious Fellowship in Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1986, she was honored as "Pioneer Song Bird of the South" by the Business and Professional Women's Federation of the Church Of God In Christ, Headquarters Chapter.

Madame Wigley devotion to the local church can only be measured in years of activity. She started with her pastor, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. She worked as a brick carrier and helped build the first Pentecostal Temple. She serves the Headquarters Jurisdiction as president of the jurisdictional music department. She is also the international vice president of the Church's music department.

On September 4, 1988 the church was filled with well wishers and supporters. People wanted to demonstrate love and appreciation to a great woman of music.



Purity team l to r: Purity Lady Jones, Sister McClaurin, Sister Martha Jenkins, Sister Clarice Moore and Sister Mary Perkins.

81st Holy Convocation Awaits Delegates



The Saints receive prayer from the bishops during the Holy Convocation.

Literally thousands of saints will pour into Memphis for the 81st Annual Holy Convocation. The city of Memphis and the surrounding area will benefit directly from the millions of dollars brought with the delegates. Still, we come basically to celebrate our God and Savior, we, each person has found in the Church Of God In Christ, an organization through which our hope for eternal life can be reached.

Not everyone who attends the meeting is a pastor, missionary or a bishop. The vast majority will be everyday folks who worked hard to save and prepared for our annual celebration and our organizational fellowship. And for most, the annual trip to Memphis is as natural as salmon going home to spawn or chickens to their roosts.

Let us examine closely the typical delegate and maybe we can understand ourselves a little better and possibly laugh a little in the process. We will examine the first trip that Bro. Delwood Jones took to a Holy Convocation. Delwood is a composite of a first time delegate's experiences.

Bro. Delwood Jones is the typical delegate attending his first Holy Convocation. What should the delegates of the convention, especially first time delegates experience? The Holy Convocation is naturally a time of great excitement and high expectations. Bro. Jones had heard about Memphis, the crowds, the praise services and the outstanding fellowship and love. He saved money all year to purchase an airline ticket, secure a room and make his visit one he would never forget. Bro. Jones is just like most delegates.

In order to escape the pressures of job and daily routine, Bro. Jones happily scheduled a week off of work in November. He purchased three new shirts, a new suit and cleaned his other two suits. He planned to alternate his clothing every third day. He wore an old pair of shoes that have a quality name brand. To compliment this pair, he bought a new pair from a local discount shoe store. He had allotted himself money for two good meals a day and budgeted his offerings and transportation money. If things work well he could purchase a gift for the Church mother back home.

He arrived in Memphis to find the Holy Convocation in full swing. People from everywhere made the trip. On their faces were the excited smiles and that spirited but polite enthusiasm for the days ahead. He noticed the city of Memphis buses had a public announcement which read welcome to Memphis, or "The Saints are Coming." He thought how great this was and how overjoyed he was to see something like that. He talked to everyone he met, all the saints were so friendly and dressed very well. The women were arrayed in the finest and smelled most sweet. He thought this would be the ideal place to find a good wife! He was impressed by the college of bishops how distinguished and dignified those ecclesiastical authority figures appeared. The great preaching and spiritually lifting worship seemed to supercharge his every emotion. My God, the Holy Convocation was it!

There were so many varied and interesting activities going on he could hardly choose between them. Bro. Jones laughingly wished he could split himself and in two and send a part of himself to different functions. Therefore, taking in twice as much convocation. The official day and the presiding bishop's message were inspiring and he bought the tape for this personal enjoyment while at home.

As he prepared to return home, Bro. Jones thought how tired he was. He had so much to tell the saints who did not make the trip. He thought no one would believe he attended midnight musicals, all night tarrying service, early morning prayer and seminar instruction hours. Of course, he did not go to bed that night but he did enjoy himself nonetheless.

Bro. Delwood Jones attended his very first Holy Convocation and he believes he will never again be the same. In 1988 more Bro. Delwood Joneses will attend. 1988 will be an election year. People will be politically active and planning to make our constitutional and binding choice for Church leadership. Hopefully, that process will continue in a holy tradition. Certainly, everyone will do his/her duty and our Church will elect leaders for the future. One sincere appeal for those who understand and know the processes of a political year, please consider all the first time delegates like Delwood Jones. Don't spoil their first impressions of the Holy Convocation. Let everything be done decent and in order, and pray the Lord will bless our Church and each person at the Convocation.

Bishop Cleveland Wilbert Williams Marking Fifty Years

"All things great or small God had his hand in it all"

Saturday, September 17, 1988, 7:00 p.m., Park Plaza Hotel, New Haven, Connecticut, saints, friends, family, civic leaders gathered from all over the country at a Banquet held honoring Bishop Cleveland Wilbert Williams for services rendered to the church and community. Bishop Williams has pastored Williams Temple Church Of God In Christ for 50 years and he has also served the National Sunday School Department Church Of God In Christ for 50 years.

Among those attending the banquet were Church Of God In Christ Bishop Levi Willis, Norfolk, Virginia; Guest Speaker Bishop Ozro Thuston Jones, Pennsylvania; Emcee for the evening Elder Jerry Macklin, Hayward, California; Elder T. Massey, Pennsylvania; Bishop & Mrs. Charles Brewer, Jr., New Haven, Connecticut; Bishop & Mrs. H. D. Brodeaux, New Haven, Connecticut; Elder & Mrs. McLemoyre; Superintendent A. F. Johnson, Birmingham, Alabama; Elder J. P. Morgan, Springfield, Mass.; Elder Ivory Holden, Bridgeport; Conn.; Mr. & Mrs. Vineyard, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Elder & Mrs. Linzy, Washington, D.C.; Elder & Mrs. Hooks, Columbus, Ohio; Elder & Mrs. Leo Hughey, Western New York; Elder & Mrs. Ancrum and Guests, Boston, Mass.; Frances S. Curtis, Elder & Mrs. James Whitehead, Guest soloist, Labarbara Whitehead, all from Detroit, Michigan; Elder & Mrs. J. C. Allen, Boston, Mass.; just to name a few of our church family. . . Friends from as far as Anchorage, Alaska, Dallas and Houston, Texas, Indiana, Tennessee, New Jersey, the list goes on. . .

Charter member whom have been with Bishop Williams and the Williams Temple Church Of God In Christ congregation for fifty years were presented at the banquet:

Elder Isaac Gatison - 50 Year Member
Mrs. Annie Brown - 50 Year Member
Mrs. Serena Spencer - 50 Year Member
Mrs. Anna Godson - 50 Year Member

Honors given included citations from Connecticut Governor Williams A. O'Neill, Ansonia Mayor Thomas Clifford III, declared September 17, 1988, as BISHOP CLEVELAND WILBERT WILLIAMS DAY in the town of Ansonia, citations from Derby Mayor Richard Grande, Dr. Charles Wright, founder of the African American Museum, Detroit, Mich.

There was local television and newspaper coverage marking Bishop Williams 50th year as a shepherd leading his flock.

This memorable black tie affair will long be remembered by all who attended. The hostesses were aglow in their ivory tea length gowns, the hosts spanking and dapper in their ivory and gold tuxedos, they were: Amy Johnson, Mellanice Barrett, Sarah Dumas, Rosemary Hayden, Deborah Simmons, Shondell Greene, Queenasia Walker, Yonique Thompson, Curtis Jones, Calvin Hayden, Carl Barrett, Jr., George Simmons, Frances S. Curtis, National Banquet Chairperson Christine Black, General Banquet Chairperson Shirley A. Black, Pastoral Anniversary Chairperson.

ITC Welcomes New and Returning Faculty

The Interdenominational Theological Center welcomes a husband and wife team to its faculty as well as the return of a former distinguished scholar. Drs. Henry and Ella Mitchell will be team teachers, a rather unique position at the ITC, in the area of preaching. Dr. Gayraud Wilmore, 1986-87 Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence, will teach the History of the Black Church. All are noted scholars and theologians who bring a vast array of knowledge to the ITC. Their backgrounds speak of their expertise.

Dr. Ella Mitchell is the former dean of Sisters Chapel at Seplman College, having served on the faculty of the School of Theology at Virginia Union University prior to coming to Spelman. Dr. Mitchell is a graduate of Talladega College, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, and the School of Theology at Claremont (California). She is the author of *Those Preaching Women*, Volumes 1 and 2.

Dr. Henry Mitchell recently retired as dean of the School of Theology at Virginia Union University. Prior to that he was Director of the Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies in Los Angeles

and also served as the Martin Luther King Professor of Black Church Studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Dr. Mitchell has authored *Black Preaching*, *Black Belief*, *The Recovery of Preaching*, and *Soul Theology* and has earned degrees from Lincoln University, Union Theological Seminary, and the School of Theology at Claremont.

Dr. Gayraud Wilmore has served several seminaries throughout his academic tenure as dean and professor. At New York Theological Seminary he was dean and professor of Afro-American Religious Studies, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary associate professor of Social Ethics, and at Princeton Theological Seminary and Pacific Lutheran Seminary visiting professor. He is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is the author of numerous books and articles. During the 1986-87 academic year, Dr. Wilmore was the Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at ITC.

The Interdenominational Theological Center is a graduate school of theology comprised of six schools of religion, each with a different denominational tradition. The ITC is one of the five institutions in the Atlanta University Center.

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Church Person of the Week Missionary Dorothy D. Duke

By Ruth DaLcoe

Helping people who are in need physically and spiritually is a way of life for Missionary Dorothy D. Luke.

From an early age, Missionary Luke know what her goals in life would be and set right out to accomplish them. In 1948 she entered Mary Allen Theology School. By 1955 she had earned her National Missionary and Evangelist license.

Born in Bunkie, Louisiana to her parents, Mrs. Rebecca Branaugh and the late Ernest Branaugh; Missionary Luke received Christ at the young age of seven. In 1954 she was filled with the Holy Ghost in a small Pentecostal Church Of God (COGIC) in Fidelity, Texas.

"After my father died, my mother began to think about what would be best for her five children," recalls Missionary Luke. She says at the age of 10 she and her family moved to Houston, Texas. After attending Yates High School, she furthered her education at Lincoln Nebraska School of Nursing as an LVN. She began to work in the nursing field. In the meantime, she was also working the Mission field. After many years of her parallel working (1956 to 1977) she desired an even deeper commitment in her work for God. She has helped build churches, worked diligently with an orphanage by the name of Wedlock Homes located south of Valliant, Oklahoma supplied clothing, food, blankets and donations to countless people, etc.

Many souls came to Christ through her national missionary work from every nationality. "It was at a time in my life that it appeared that my work as a National Missionary was over with," says Missionary Luke. She says she prayed for spiritual direction. She began to read newspapers and remembers how she heard the Lord one day through the scriptures in the Bible.

Missionary Luke began to quote the words in the Bible from memory. "The Bible states in Matthew 25th chapter that the Lord will say in th day of judgment, When I was hungry you didn't feed me. When I was thirsty you gave me no drink, when I was a stranger, ye took me not in: Naked and ye clothed me not: sick and in prison and did not minister unto me." She says those words encouraged her to continue her work for God.

"I said, Lord, if you lead me, I will follow," says Missionary Luke. She says she found herself drawn to the outcasts of this world. She looked around in her local community and saw that the harvest was

ripe. She became a member of William Temple COGIC, Bishop R. E. Woodard, Pastor.

She was appointed President of the Home and Foreign Mission. As leader of the mission, the fruit of her works began to prosper. The mission served to help fire victims. They did volunteer work by taking people to and from the hospitals and aided the sick.

"The work that was started in the mission is still going on to this day", reminds Missionary Luke, she says on Saturdays she and some of her mission groups find a street corner and feed hundreds of people hot meals. They also have a prison ministry through which they send magazines, bibles, reading materials, etc. to prisoners.

Missionary Luke also finds time to work with the rental homes which she visits every Friday. She has supplied the homes along with her mission, ivory soap, lotion, body powder, tubes of vaseline and bibles. The mission has also paid rent, gas, light and water bills for many Houston area people who are in need.

"I thank God for being instrumental in my life for all the work he has blessed my hands to do", praises Missionary Luke. She also wants to thank her mother who has supported her in her work for Christ, the church members, friends, co-workers, directors, neighbors and her supervisor who encourages her in many areas of her concentration.

Missionary Luke is a technician at HCA of Excellency. She works in the pharmacy.

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Mother Writes to Children

What can we do now, take it to the Lord in Prayer? Down through the ages prayer has been used as a great weapon against the enemy, especially when conditions and problems arose that could not be dealt with otherwise. I know myself the prayers of the righteous availeth much. But as we pray, wait, look, and listen, the Anti-Christ such as atheists, humanism, agnostics, evolutionist, free thinkers of all kind, are fastly advancing, while we are yet fasting and praying. False teaching and blasphemies is rapidly spreading while our Divine Trinity, and the Holy Bible is being disbelieved and disrespected. Oh yes, but we are honestly praying. Don't get me wrong, I am in the prayer group wherever they are, but as I hear and read what the enemy is doing to the present and future Church, I know it is high time for our prayers and faith to be put in action. Our homes, communities, and society are headed for destruction. Are we waiting by Faith on the Lord to give the direction? Faith without work is dead. So many homes and churches are blessed with youths of all ages, and they are facing disaster rapidly, both now and in the early future of even having a chance to get saved.

Help! Help! Help is the helpless silent cry of our youths today. So many of our children are coming up in Holiness among the Saints, having a desire to live a saved life, but the destroying enemy will defeat them. Our children are being mixed, mangled and be taught by and about some people that don't even believe in the true and living God the divine being the Creator, and the Holy Bible (the word of God). Now what can be done? I can't do it, you can't do it, but we can do it by the Help of the Lord. If we will be willing to suffer for the cause, the Lord will furnish the knowledge and strength,

we need to get the job done.

Schools owned and operated by the Saints will help save some of our young generation. The opportunity is far passed for so many, but by all means save some. Just to look on our youths now makes me wonder what will their future be? It brings a grievous spirit within me! So many parents are so shallow in their thinking, some are doing their best at home with their children, placing them in church, Sunday School, Y. P. W. W., and all Sunday Services. But the every day schools, colleges, society, and T. V. have the most of their time. Our youths can't be brought up apart from society, but we can help to better prepare them for society and the world, both natural and spiritual. Their school environment is very dangerous for their future. Even now unrighteousness could take the place of righteousness without our help by continued fasting, praying, thinking, and acting.

I am 77 years of age and have no children now of my very own. My inheritance are among those that are Sanctified, so I have inherited the Saints children. They are my Spiritual children and I love them with Godly Love. Who will be a living example for our young generation when we are gone? If we don't provide and implant a true example of True Holiness in them, while we live and have this one and only chance, who will? Think about it? Our children will be so brain washed and overcome with false teachings, many won't even get to hear the True Word of God, read, taught, or explained.

Think, pray, work and pray.

Sincerely,

Mother Reather A. Bettis Carter
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Massachusetts Jurisdiction #1 1ST Annual C.O.G.I.C. Women's Retreat

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JULY 1-2, 1988

THEME: The Only Assurance For Unity Comes Through Respect For Leadership And Adherence To The Bible.

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PRESIDENT: Missionary Sybil F. Dunwoody, Business and Professional Women Federation

Our focus was on **Leadership**.

Our workshop class: **Respect: Leadership Requires Humility, Leadership Requires Courage to Rebuke Leadership Requires to be Different, The Bible and Unity.**

The Holy Ghost manifested the will of God, and, agreed with a vision of Mother, Supervisor Rebekah Evans Gorham for the growth of the women of Massachusetts Jurisdiction #1. As the vision unfolded, the presiding Bishop L. C. Young was there, with prayer, and blessings as the State Supervisor Mother Rebekah E. Gorham and the women of the State of Massachusetts journeyed to their first retreat to Cape Cod, at the Briarwood Conference and Retreat Center. The State President of the Business and Professional Women's Federation Missionary Sybil F. Dunwoody was motivated by the spirit to convene this conference at the Retreat Center. It met the needs of these spiritually thirsty women. This was truly a Mountain top experience, and a tremendous addition to our lives through the manifestation of gifts (I Cor. 12:28), as some were healed, some eyes were open and all received the grace of God. There was great power in the Morning, and, Evening Vesper, as Jesus never failed.

Workshop class teachers were Mother Rebekah E. Gorham and Evang. Ruby McNeil. Missionary Frances Brown exhorted the women to study the Bible, unify and respect leadership.

The State Women Dept. 2nd Annual Retreat will convene June 15-17, 1989 if the Lord wills, shall be at Briarwood Conference and Retreat Center. Register early as space is limited.

Dr. Clark and the Clark Sisters Blessed Hawaii

Dr. Mattie Moss Clark and the Clark sisters brought blessings, happiness and joy to the hundreds of listeners and an overflow crowd at Schofield Barracks, Main Chapel, Wahiawa, Hawaii, on Sunday, May 15 for the Mass concert.

Dr. Clark arrived in Honolulu, Tuesday, May 10 and was met by Elder J. H. and Mother Hattie M. Rodriguez, sponsors; along with Mrs. Beatrice Williams and Ms Anita Hardy. The Clark sisters arrived later in the week. Dr. Clark conducted a revival and workshop with the various choir members from churches on the island of Oahu, which was formed as a mass choir.

Sunday, May 15 was the climax of their coming to Hawaii. Souls were blessed and reclaimed by God. The mass choir under the teaching and direction of Dr. Clark brought the audience to their feet with praises and shouts unto God.

On behalf of Governor John Waihee, an official message was presented to Dr. Clark and the Clark sisters; also, from the office of Mayor Frank F. Fasi, City and county of Honolulu, was presented a proclamation creating "Dr. Mattie Moss Clark and Clark sisters day." Elder and Mother Rodriguez stood for both the governor and Mayor Fasi, they were both absent.

The famous Clark sisters were at their best and the audience wants them to return to Hawaii next year. The video cameras, cameras and recorders were busy throughout the entire program.

We thank God for allowing Dr. Clark and the Clark sisters to come to Hawaii. We have begun evangelizing the islands.

Elder J. H. Rodriguez, Pastor, All Nations C.O.G.I.C.
Mother Hattie M. Rodriguez, District Missionary



Meet the Generals

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efforts for good. In prayer, I have sought the Lord for some little something that will motivate us to do those acts and perform those functions that will bring greater unity and cooperation in the "greatest Church in the world." It has been revealed to me that if our people had a better understanding of the organizational structure of the Church—the duties, authority, responsibilities, obligations and purpose of each agency of the Church, this may help us to understand our role in the Church and thus pledge ourselves to work in harmony with other members of the Body. With the desire to further the cause of greater unity, harmony and cooperation in mind, I invite you to come with me for a few minutes and let me acquaint you with our Church.

The term "The Generals Of The Church" is used to designate the legislative, executive, judiciary, administrative, managerial, and supervisory agencies of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. They are the legally constituted agencies through and by means of which the "Body Of Christ—The Church Of God In Christ" carries on the work of the Lord in our society. Just as, without God we can do nothing, without us The Generals Of The Church can do nothing. Let us now identify each of The Generals Of The Church, showing how that agency affects the work of the Church.

The General Church — Comprises every Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and every local congregation, domestic or foreign, that has been duly registered in the Office of the General Secretary; by the Jurisdictional Bishop, and has received a Certificate of membership from the said office.

1. The Local Church—Is the basic unit of the structural organization of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. Its membership comprises all persons who have been set in order as a Church, after having declared their faith in Jesus Christ as their savior, and declared their faith and belief in the doctrines of the Church Of God In Christ and their willingness to submit to and abide by the government of the Church Of God In Christ; and all persons regardless of race, color and national origin who have been received into its fellowship on profession of their faith, whether by transfer from some other Church, Christian Experience or Watchcare. No member shall have membership at more than one local Church at the same time. Every member should and is obligated to support his Church with faithful attendance, tithes and offering. He should also enhance his growth and development in Christian Living by participating in the various auxiliaries of the Church.

Local churches may be set in order by the Jurisdictional Bishop or his designee. Local churches may establish their own constitutions, acquire real and personal property, pursuant to the Charter, Constitution, Laws and Doctrines of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. Property so acquired shall not be mortgaged to meet current expenses of the Church, and Trustees, Deacons and other Officers are required to make annual reports to the congregation of matters entrusted to them.

Local churches are obligated to give their loyal support to the Jurisdiction and to the National Church and to give financial support as requested by the Jurisdictional Assembly and the General Assembly of the Church. A local church may not withdraw or sever its relations with the GENERAL CHURCH except by and with the permission of the General Assembly.

The Pastor is the general overseer and supervisor of the local church. He is responsible for the spiritual and doctrinal guidance of the local church, and he has power to appoint or remove officers of the local church. If the need arises he may license members of the congregation to preach.

2. Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions—are Administrative Jurisdictions which are determined, established and dissolved by the General Board. They are not determined by geographical boundaries or subdivisions, but are determined by apparent need to enhance fellowship and to allow for the expansion of the work of the Church. It appears that, by agreement, those pastors and congregations who desire to work together, and have justifiable reasons for the same may be designated as an Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

A. Jurisdictional Bishop—is the leader of the Jurisdiction and is appointed by the Presiding Bishop. He presides over the Jurisdictional Assembly, fixes time and place of its meetings; ordains and appoints Elders; organizes and sets up Churches; appoints and removes District Superintendents, Department Heads and all other Jurisdictional of-

A Legacy of Holy Women

For years the names of Mothers Robinson, Coffee and Bailey ring clear through the history of our Church. These women forged a great tradition through an effective use of time, discipline and a vital women's department ministry. Countless lives were touched and became lights of hope in an often dark world. It is no accident that women like these were born, raised and accomplished great deeds in the service of the Lord. Their examples have inspired the development of other women who followed after them.



Mildred Bratcher

One such example of a woman with character was the late Mrs. Mildred Christian Bratcher. She passed away in September of 1986. She served the National Church in many capacities such as the recording secretary in the International Women's Convention; member of the National Hospitality Board and member of the finance board for the Church Of God In Christ. Her service in Southern California jurisdiction was legend and thoroughly documented.

A woman like Mildred Bratcher just does not happen along. She was raised to be a sainted, industrious woman and leader. In her personal history one will find strong father figures who were real men. Her grandfather, Mr. William Christian and her father, Elder Harry Christian were examples of strength and character. Elder Harry Christian was a true supporter of Bishop C. H. Mason in those early days.



Bessie Christian

More importantly, one should examine the lineage of women who help mold Mildred Bratcher. Grandmother Laura Christian was a venerable prayer warrior and one of the Church's first missionaries. Mother Laura became a member of the Church Of God In Christ back in 1915. Mother Laura is often spoken of by our presiding bishop as

officials, pursuant to the Constitution of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

B. Jurisdictional Assembly—comprises the Jurisdictional Bishop, Pastors and ordained Elders of local churches; Supervisor of the Women's Department; District Missionaries, Jurisdictional Departmental Heads, and one lay delegate for each District of the Jurisdiction. It is through and by means of the Jurisdictional Assembly that the work of the Jurisdiction is carried on, and it is also through the Jurisdictional Assembly that local Churches vote to elect delegates to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Church.

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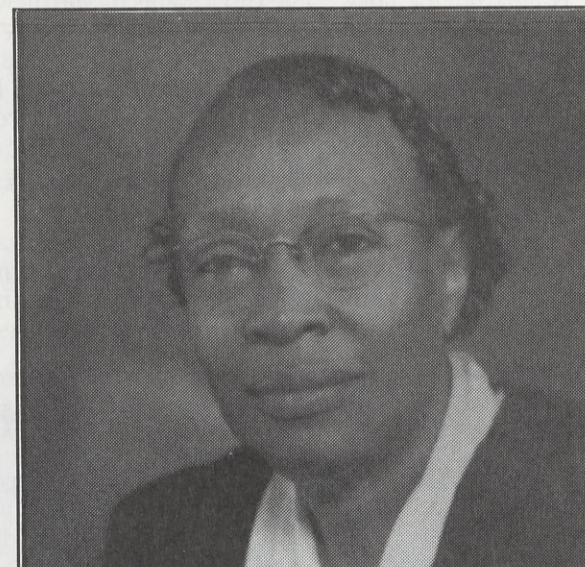
the missionary who tarried with him and prayed him through. His memories of her are precious. Mother Bessie Christian, Mildred's mother was a teacher and loving parent whose service to the Lord was stellar. Great Aunt Beatrice McGuire was a local school teacher in Memphis and founded the first library at Pentecostal Temple. Her scholarly pursuits and gracious manner impacted everyone who came in contact with her.



Laura Christian

Mildred Bratcher grew up as most COGIC young women. She graduated from high school then entered college. She earned her degree from Wayne State University in Detroit. Throughout life she was under the spotlight of service and proved successful.

These women demonstrated the best among Christian virtues. They are not unusual in our Church but are the type we need to lift up today. They are brilliant examples of inspired living, high moral standards and bold accomplishments.



Beatrice McGuire

Mrs. Thelma Fraser thought their story, as related through Mildred Bratcher, would be a source of encouragement to the many young women who read the Whole Truth. One might add men to this list of readers also.

Missionary Promotes Holy Convocation Consecration

District Missionary Mildred Coleman and several dedicated saints have established an old fashioned consecration prayer service. Reminiscent of the early pioneer days, Missionary Coleman wants to have a pre-Holy Convocation prayer which should begin Sunday night, November 6, ending Tuesday morning, November 8, 1988. The location will be the Temple Church Of God In Christ, located 672 S. Lauderdale, where Superintendent J. E. Booker is pastor.

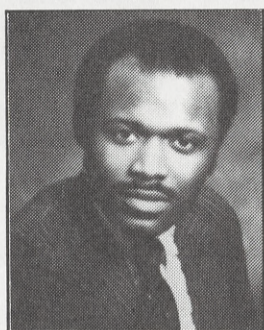
All Saints who are persuaded that more prayer is always in order and desire a great spiritual uplifting are welcomed. Delegates arriving on the week end of November 6th are invited also. On Tuesday morning the prayer will be dismissed so delegates can go to the beginning of the Holy Convocation Consecration which is held at Mason Temple.

Vision for the Future Mainstreaming in the Church Of God In Christ

By Robert Robinson

(This article is continued from the September issue.)

According to Bishop German Ross (1968), when Bishop J. O. Patterson became the presiding bishop, he anticipated the needs of the church as it compared with other religious reformations and he sought to implement a program commensurate to such needs. Among these needs, Bishop Patterson envisioned an 'All Saints University', which would be a four-year academic institution. As of yet, the University has not become a reality. There's a problem. It is my opinion that part of the problem may be of grass-roots concern, where some confusion of beliefs is permeating the Church.



Robert Robinson

They think it ... But did Bishop Mason say it? Among the problems concerning All Saints University development, there is an inference about the late Bishop Mason. Some people believe he was against education because of his withdrawal from Arkansas Baptist College in 1893. Indeed, Bishop Mason left the College, but he was not against education. Furthermore, if he were living today, he would be pleased with the mainstreaming of the Church Of God In Christ.

As we plan for the future, it may be of some importance to re-think the past. Memory of one of humanity's supreme endowments. Each of us acts today and hopes for tomorrow in the light of past experiences that have been woven into a life-story. When we want to know someone else, we ask that person to tell us something about his or her life-story, for in this way personal identity is disclosed. In a larger sense, this is applicable to COGIC members. The church's self-consciousness finds expression in the remembrance of events that people have lived through and the same have given them a sense of identity and destiny.

There are two propositions that underpin this article. First, the inference as to why Bishop Mason left the College has been wrongly interpreted. This careless inference seems to decrease one's acceptance of the available means for growth and development. Second, this assumption exists among leaders of the COGIC Faith. This inference about Bishop Mason is nothing new, because inferences always invade religion. Due to careless inferences, religion has sometimes rejected new truth with a dogmatic passion.

Exactly, what are inferences? An inference, as we shall use the term, is "a statement about the unknown made on the basis of the known". To some people, it is unknown—why Bishop Mason left Arkansas Baptist College, but on the basis of the known-fact that he left the College, some have inferred that he was against education. To further explain the meaning of inferences, we will consider some other examples: We may infer from the structure of the land the path of pre-historic glaciers. Inferences may be carefully made or carelessly made. They may be made on the basis of a broad background of previous experience with the subject matter or with no experience at all. Even when we exercise every caution to avoid inferences and to deal only with what we see and experience, we all remain prone to error, since the making of inferences is quick, almost an automatic process. We may watch a car weaving as it goes down the road and say, "Look at that drunken driver", although what we see is only the irregular motion of the car.

All this is not to say we should never make inferences. The inability to make inferences is itself a sign of mental disorder. Hence the question is not whether or not we are aware of the inferences we make, and was it a careless inference raised to a dangerous level? *Careless inferences are like beavers: They get in the stream and dam it up.* I am not a social scientist and not an expert on leadership for the Church. What discipline there is to my enterprise is best revealed in telling of its story, from a Pastor's perspective.

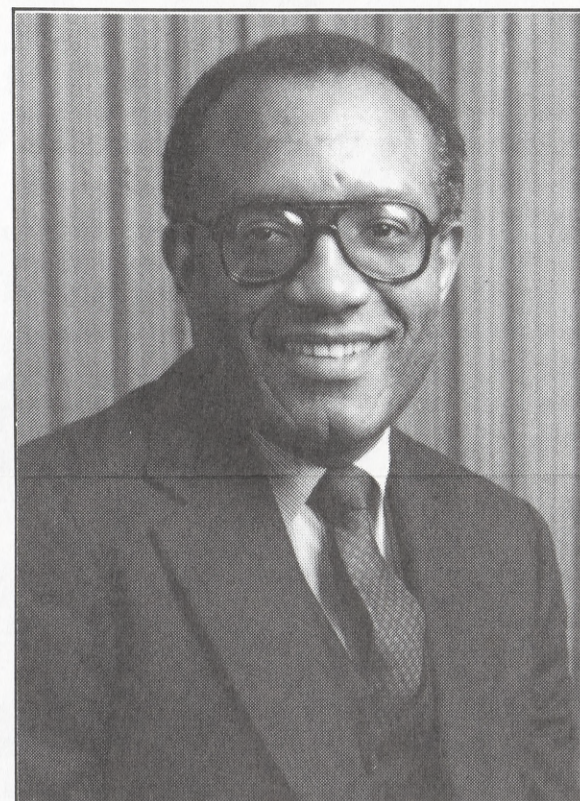
I support the position that Bishop Mason was known as a praying man, but don't be misled; he did other things in addition to prayer. As the Pentecostal Movement spread among whites in the South, Bishop Mason visited these churches and

View From The Top

Mr. Jerry Williams is a faithful member of the Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C in Evanston, Illinois. Bishop Carlis L. Moody is his pastor. Bro. Williams is a trustee and superintendent of the local Sunday school.

Mr. Williams is an extremely special person because he is the No. 2 man at one of America's 500 largest industrial firms; he serves as the president/chief operating officer of AM International Inc. He is at home in this world of high powered personalities and big, big decisions. He did not get there because he was black nor in spite of it. He reflected, "This is a very competitive environment and if you're going to make it to the top, you don't need any extra baggage to carry with you. For everybody, the land mines are there. For blacks, there are more potential land mines. And one way you can really get blown out of the water early is to be overly publicity seeking." So Mr. Williams sits in his office and with all diligence works to achieve the ultimate; CEO status.

Bro. Williams is 49 and is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. His family is both religious and education minded. His father was an Indianapolis area pastor and his mother was a missionary. The family always served one another as inspiration and support. The word can't was not allowed in the Williams household. They developed a William scholarship fund, a system in which the older children helped to play for the education of the younger ones. As a result four of the Williams daughters graduated from college, and one is a doctor. Bro. Williams holds earned



Jerry Williams

degrees from Depauw University, Purdue University, and University of Pennsylvania. He is married and has two children.

was recognized for being an organizing genius. Besides being a man of deep moral strength, humility and holiness, he was a visionary spiritual teacher who understood his present-day civilization.

He was a saint, indiscriminately inspiring the humanity that surrounded him with purpose of life, and offering them not mere theory, but a practical way of living.

Now it is evident that the Church Of God In Christ has grown to be a position of prominence. It is the largest Pentecostal group in the world. The rapid changes in technology and the great social issues facing our world are challenging the Church. The growing church is evaluating and must continue to evaluate its existing forms in order to remain a dynamic force in meeting the needs of people and bring hope to a desperate world.

The move of educational reform has reached a new phase in the Church. The next step in the struggle to restructure church training involves a convergence of new attitudes toward time with new attitudes toward action. Alvin Toffler (1981) contends that all education springs from images of the future and that today's learners are being divorced from their own future selves. This statement does present a theoretical basis for understanding the intellectual awakening in the Church of God in Christ, but I must add, education does spring from images of the past. We should aim at bringing education into focus from a threefold perspective: past as present memory, present as we experience it now, and the future as present expectation. The approach can not ultimately succeed unless we recognize not only planning for the future, but also address the need of reeducating persons of past images, which have been wrongly interpreted. This will help in dealing with the present, and then we can become more effective in orienting the masses for the future.

At this unique moment of the Church, it is fitting to make a statement that is more than philosophical rhetoric: The light we generate can be the greatest hope of history. It can illuminate the way toward a better life for all. But the darkness—if we let it gather, can become the final terrible midnight of the Church.

Though this article has value for understanding some COGIC persons' attitude toward training, there are some limitations that should be noted. Among them, be informed that the research for my premise has only been done in one jurisdiction of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. Care should be taken in generalizing these results to different jurisdictional settings. While the results are statistically significant and consistent with current literature, one must ask if there is a unique philosophy of ministry, preaching or other church ministries which would limit the results.

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All delegates are asked to remain for the colorful Holy Communion and Consecration of newly appointed Bishops on Monday, November 14. Also, the General Assembly session and the General Election are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 14 and 15. All delegates are urged and encouraged to remain to vote and adjudicate the business at hand.

The Office of General Secretary proudly announces its latest publication, the OFFICIAL ROSTER OF CHURCHES for the Church Of God In Christ, worldwide. Plan to purchase a copy at the Registration counter, COGIC Bookstore, or the Office of General Secretary. Also, new church certificates will be provided for churches in each jurisdiction as provided by the Constitution and required by the Internal Revenue Service.

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In conclusion, I would like to tender my sincere gratitude to you for the support you have given me and for the confidence you have expressed in electing me as your General Secretary for three consecutive terms (12 years). It has been both a challenge and an opportunity to serve you and the Church I love so much. Thank you for the sacred trust and the opportunity to serve. The Lord willing, and with your continuing support in November, I will be happy to continue serving in the viable position as General Secretary for the next quadrennial.

OBITUARIES

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN MAE CAWTHON



Lillian Mae Cawthon, daughter of Walter and Mattie Clara Washington, was born April 2, 1909 in Ripley, Tennessee.

Mrs. Cawthon Received her elementary and secondary educational training in Ripley, Tennessee; graduated from Lauderdale School. She completed her college studies at Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee.

After completing college, she moved to Hickman, Kentucky where she taught at Phillips High School. Her previous teaching was at the Wynnberg School in Wynnberg, Tennessee.

In Hickman, Kentucky Lillian met and married the late Elder Rueben C. Cawthon, Sr. To this union seven children were born. He died August 9, 1983. Mrs. Cawthon professed a hope in Christ at an early age in life and received the baptism of Holy Ghost under the leadership of her father-in-law, Elder Zachariah Cawthon.

She was a faithful, loyal member of Faith Temple Church Of God In Christ in Carbondale where she served as a Church Mother, President of the Mother's Board, member of the trustee board, member of the finance board. She devoted her life and time to the work of the Church Of God In Christ on the local, district, state and national levels.

Mrs. Cawthon was the State Supervisor of the Women's Department of the Southern Illinois Jurisdiction of the Church Of God In Christ, where she was serving at her passing.

Her parents, two daughters, two sisters and one brother also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Cawthon departed this life at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 1988 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

She leaves to cherish her memory five sons, Ceotha Cawthon and Elder Hugh E. Cawthon, both of Carbondale, Illinois, Rueben Cawthon, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois, Samuel Cawthon and Ernest Cawthon, both of Detroit, Michigan; four daughters, Ella Fowlkes of Detroit, Michigan, Mary Gay and Valeria Taylor both of Chicago, Illinois and Ruby Pullen of Carbondale, Illinois; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER EDNA L. TALLIE

Elect Lady of Holy Faith COGIC
(1920-1985) "A Very Special Lady"



We too knew of a very special lady who truly shared. We too knew of a very special woman who cared about the things in life that only counted.

This lady was Mommie and she was a very special lady to us.

We too know of a very special lady; one who continuously gave of her time and herself. She would always leave her problems behind, to see that our family had everything we needed.

This lady was Mommie and she was very special to us.

We too know of a very special lady who's smile replaced our dark clouds with a bright sunshine. And although, sometimes she would scold us, she was always there for us.

This lady was Mommie and she was a very special lady to us.

We too know of a very special lady; one who instilled in us that Holiness was the only way to go in order to gain eternal life.

And throughout her life and even now, it is still there for all to see that Mommie was a very special lady, especially to us.

Missing You,
Daughters Deborah & Lydia

VISION (continued from page 7)

Nevertheless, as we plan for the future, I am reminded of a little story. A professor once told his class that he was about to place on the chalkboard the most important principle relative to the process of change. Thereupon, he turned and spent the next fifteen minutes etching out two words: GO SLOWLY. People are afraid of innovation. There are many roadblocks to the process of change, and yet, change is inherent in progress, and every organization must be interested in progress. As someone pointed out, the term "status-quo" is merely a Latin expression describing the mess we are in.

Hopefully, people that hold wrong inferences as to why Bishop Mason left Arkansas Baptist College will be enlightened, and not become bogged down in the soggy swamps of mediocrity. May the negative attitudes toward education be canceled, then the great claims of the church can be further sustained by great achievements.

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